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July 11, 2018

Honorable John Barrasso, MD
Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018

Dear Chairman Barrasso:

Wyoming Stock Growers Association (WSGA) is pleased to offer our support for the above proposed legislation. We commend you for this common-sense manner of addressing a host of water related issues across our nation.

Numerous provisions in Title I of the legislation will enhance the federal-state-local relationship and increase efficiencies in the management of water projects.

As you so well understand, as a headwater state Wyoming must strive not only to satisfy our own demands for water, but to meet our obligations under several interstate compacts. Wyoming's ability to meet any future calls under the Colorado River Compact is a particular concern to many of our members who rely on irrigation water supplies from the Green River and its tributaries. Our state has made a commitment to undertaking necessary modifications to Fontenelle Reservoir that will make the full active capacity of the reservoir available to meet our obligations. Wyoming's ability to move forward with this project is dependent on the authorization provided in this legislation.

Additional provisions addressing dam maintenance and safety are of critical importance to our water management system. Several provisions in Title V related to the EPA could also positively impact Wyoming.

WSGA urges that this bi-partisan legislation be moved forward in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

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